

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2001 - 0900 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Five new large fires were reported, three in the Northwest, and one each in Northern California and Western Great Basin Areas. Five large fires were contained, two each in the Northwest and Western Great Basin Areas and one in Southern California. Initial attack activity was heavy in northern California, moderate in the Northwest and Eastern Great Basin and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire behavior was reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GREEN KNOLL, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvelho) is assigned. This fire is located along Mosquito Creek, southwest of Wilson and approximately 6 miles southwest of Jackson, WY. A unified command with Teton County Fire Department is in effect. A wind event from a passing cold front pushed the fire to Fall Creek road, resulting in spot fires across the road. Aircraft and ground forces successfully extinguished spots which started on the east side of Fall Creek road and slowed the spread of the fire into the subdivisions.

FLEMING CREEK, Lower Snake River District, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) has been ordered. This human caused fire is 8 miles north of Horseshoe Bend, ID. Some spotting was observed as a passing cold front moved through. Rolling debris is also a safety concern for passing motorists. Highway 55 was closed for a time due to the fire, one lane is now open. Crews are making good progress with containment efforts despite high winds. Dozers are being utilized for indirect line construction.

DOE FLAT, Lower Snake River District, BLM. This human caused fire is located 11 miles north of Three Creek, ID. High winds associated with a passing cold front hampered containment efforts. Dozer line construction along the south flank is a priority for today.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Observed fire behavior included crowning and running. Crews continue to construct direct fireline and work hot spots as fire behavior allowed. Very strong ridge top winds and turbulence halted air support to crews near midday. Spot fires discovered east of Luger Creek made substantial runs to the east. The mines along Pistol Ridge Road are not currently threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	C-T-D
GREEN KNOLL	WY	BTF	4058	50	UNK	1261	40	46	9	0	5.4M

FLEMING CREEK	ID	BOD	500	30	7/29	239	10	7	2	0	NR
DOE FLAT	ID	BOD	3500	60	UNK	142	3	12	0	0	NR
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	1500	10	UNK	386	11	0	8	0	293K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STREAM, Plumas National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Quincy, CA.

POWERHOUSE, Shasta-Trinity Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. A California Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Management Team (Walters) has been ordered. This fire is burning near the community of Big Bend, CA and is threatening numerous structures. The Big Bend road has been closed at Highway 299 East. An evacuation center has been established at Cedar Creek school near Round Mountain.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STREAM	CA	PNF	2900	15	8/1	894	24	24	5	0	700K
POWERHOUSE	CA	SHU	650	0	UNK	400	14	22	5	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BRICEBURG, Sierra National Forest. A Unified Command with California Department of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hodson) and a California Interagency Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) has been established. This fire is 15 miles east of Mariposa, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BRICEBURG	CA	SNF	722	45	8/1	1322	38	14	3	0	1.5M
SHELBY	CA	BDF	630	100	---	297	10	21	6	0	NR

BDF = San Bernardino National Forest

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

UNION VALLEY, Southeast Washington State. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Furlong/Gormley) is assigned and will assume unified command with Chelan Fire Department #7, the City of Chelan and the County Sheriff. This fire is four miles north of Chelan, WA. The State Fire Mobilization Act has been authorized and a FEMA declaration has been approved. One house was confirmed destroyed late yesterday and numerous other structures remain threatened.

PORT, Oregon State, Umatilla County, OR. This human caused fire is located near Umatilla, OR and Hat Rock State Park. The fire began in a logging deck and quickly spread around the Two Rivers correctional facility and approached Hat Creek State Park. The State Conflagration Act has been invoked.

PORT KELLY, Washington State. This fire is 15 miles southeast of Kennewick, WA and near the community of Wallula, WA. A State Type 2 Incident Management team has been ordered. The National Wildlife Refuge at McNary is threatened at this time.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
UNION VALLEY	WA	SES	200	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	NR
PORT	OR	ORS	4000	0	7/29	110	0	38	0	6	NR
PORT KELLY	WA	WFS	3600	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
SOUTH JUNCTION	OR	PRD	100	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
OWYHEE RIVER	OR	VAD	2940	100	---	54	1	11	3	0	NR

VAD = Vale District, BLM  
 PRD = Prineville District, BLM

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TABOR CREEK, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Murphy) is assigned. This fire, burning in grass and sagebrush, is 13 miles north of Metropolis, NV. The fire escaped containment lines and is making a run to the northeast in heavy mountain mahogany and sage fuels. Steep rocky terrain and limited accessibility are impeding containment efforts.

SMITH CREEK, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This lightning caused fire is 40 miles west to southwest of Ely, NV. Strong winds caused the fire to escape containment lines, but crews were able to catch all escapes. Current threat is to Mule deer winter range.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TABOR CREEK	NV	EKD	5525	70	7/29	341	9	8	2	0	NR
SMITH CREEK	NV	HTF	800	30	7/30	115	3	4	2	0	NR
IBAPAH	NV	ENA	2400	100	---	37	0	14	1	0	NR
OLD WELL	NV	ELD	300	100	---	14	0	3	0	0	NR

ELD = Ely Field Office, BLM  
 ENA = Eastern Nevada Agency, BIA

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAD CREEK, Routt National Forest. This fire is in the Mount Zirkel

Wilderness Area, 11 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. An aerial ignition burnout operation is being planned to strengthen containment lines along the northeast boundary.

ECKLUND COMPLEX, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This complex of lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fires is in the Diamond Breaks Wilderness Study Area, 50 miles east of Vernal, UT. The Ecklund fire is exhibiting a creeping surface fire, which is active over a four acre area. There was no observed fire activity on the Davis Draw fire. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MAD CREEK	CO	RTF	600	15	7/31	112	4	0	4	0	210K
ECKLUND COMPLEX	CO	LSD	3244	0	10/1	73	2	2	1	0	504K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

VISTA, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire, which started on 7/15, is five miles east of the North Rim of the park. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

PINE, Prescott National Forest. This lightning caused fire, which started on 7/2, is in the Pine Mountain and Cedar Bench Wilderness Areas, 18 miles southeast of Camp Verde, AZ. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VISTA	AZ	GCP	805	0	UNK	110	4	2	1	0	298K
PINE	AZ	PNF	7400	0	UNK	25	0	3	1	0	30K

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN EASTERN IDAHO FOR WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY, DRY FUELS AND WARM TEMPERATURES \*\*\*

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN WESTERN AND CENTRAL WYOMING FOR WINDS, LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY, DRY FUELS AND WARM TEMPERATURES \*\*\*

A strong high pressure will continue to bring mostly sunny and windy conditions. High temperatures will be in the mid 60's and 70's in the mountains, and 80's at lower elevations in Idaho. Utah will have high temperatures in 80's in the mountains, and 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 30 percent in southwest

Idaho, and 5 to 15 percent east. Utah will have minimum relative humidity ranging from 5 to 15 percent at lower elevations, and 10 to 20 percent in the mountains. Winds will be southwest at 15 to 25 mph, with gusts to 40 mph in Idaho. Utah will have winds from the southwest at 15 to 35 mph.

Strong high pressure will continue over the Rocky Mountain region, with a trough of low pressure to the west bringing windy conditions due to a strong westerly flow. This will bring mostly sunny skies, with isolated afternoon thunderstorms to the southern and western Colorado mountains. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains, and 80 to 90 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 25 percent, except for eastern and central Wyoming which will range from 5 to 15 percent. Winds will be west to southwest at 10 to 25 mph, except for western and central Wyoming which will have winds out of the southwest at 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts up to 50 mph in higher terrain.

Low pressure will slowly move south along the Pacific Northwest coast towards northern California, bringing partly cloudy skies towards the afternoon. High temperatures will be 60 to 70 along the coast, and 80 to 100 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 45 to 55 percent along the coast, and 15 to 25 percent inland. Winds will be west to southwest at 8 to 18 mph, and 15 to 25 mph over higher terrain along the Cascade and Sierra crest eastward.

High pressure will continue over southern California, bringing sunny and warm conditions. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's along the coast, 80 to 100 inland, 102 to 112 in the lower deserts, and 120 in Death Valley, CA. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 15 percent inland, and 25 to 40 percent in the inland coastal areas. Winds will be south to southwest at 5 to 15 mph.

A cool upper level trough continues over the Pacific Northwest with another surge of moisture bringing increased showers to Washington and the north half of Oregon, and a chance of thundershowers in northeast Washington. High temperatures will be in the 50's and 60's in the mountains, and in the 70's and 80's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range above 50 percent west of the Cascades, 20 to 35 percent east, and down near 15 percent in southeast Oregon. Winds will be west at 5 to 15 mph, with gusts up to 25 mph in some areas east of the Cascades.

A Pacific trough will approach Nevada, bringing sunny conditions. High temperatures will be 85 to 95 in the north and central portions of the state, and 100 to 110 south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 15 percent north, and 10 to 20 percent south. Winds will be southwest to west at 20 to 30 mph and gusty in the north and central portions of the state, and southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph across the south.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES						0
ALASKA	ACRES						0

NORTHWEST	FIRES		2			2		4
NORTHWEST	ACRES		32			151		183
CA-NORTH	FIRES	4				29	4	37
CA-NORTH	ACRES	0				42	1	43
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1	1			3	5
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		0	45			1	46
NORTHERN	FIRES	1				3	18	22
NORTHERN	ACRES	0				2	13	15
GB-EAST	FIRES	2	3			3	7	15
GB-EAST	ACRES	1	2790			0	45	2836
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
GB-WEST	ACRES		204					204
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		1				9	10
SOUTHWEST	ACRES		15				5	20
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	25	4			1	1	31
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	26	4			3	0	33
EASTERN	FIRES					3		3
EASTERN	ACRES					0		0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	32	12	1	0	41	42	128
TOTAL	ACRES	27	3045	45	0	198	65	3380

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	14	2	297	3	320
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210137	3263	221938
NORTHWEST	FIRES	186	202	10	23	968	720	2109
NORTHWEST	ACRES	9191	66475	2044	6	7581	11527	96824
CA-NORTH	FIRES	72	25	3	22	1804	693	2619
CA-NORTH	ACRES	97	1282	4368	5	33344	7230	46326
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	30	54	16	39	1291	416	1846
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	23	1342	1263	28	12399	17711	32766
NORTHERN	FIRES	639	22	11	8	430	338	1448
NORTHERN	ACRES	6813	932	277	2	9439	756	18219
GB-EAST	FIRES	46	598		37	409	479	1569
GB-EAST	ACRES	573	68427		879	104278	8127	182284
GB-WEST	FIRES	9	309	2	13	82	119	534
GB-WEST	ACRES	9115	55264	1	104	36454	10577	111515
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1054	135	15	34	638	1281	3157
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5310	4887	4478	1074	26018	18616	60383
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	205	396	20	28	275	363	1287
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1240	5976	300	169	8980	1621	18286
EASTERN	FIRES	329		5	47	9573	412	10366
EASTERN	ACRES	14853		13	496	39301	5328	59991
SOUTHERN	FIRES	57		58	1081	22458	655	24309
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4860		19298	37329	577873	18593	657953
TOTALS	FIRES	2629	1743	154	1334	38225	5479	49564
TOTALS	ACRES	52075	205670	33653	45934	1065804	103349	1506485

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES                    52,197  
 TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES                    1,892,499

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1				2	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES		0				0	0
CA-NORTH	FIRES			2				2
CA-NORTH	ACRES			15				15
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1				1
CA-SOUTH	ACRES			48				48
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						5	5
ROCKY MTN	FIRES						1	1
ROCKY MTN	ACRES						60	60
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	3	0	0	4	8
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	63	0	0	65	128

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	65	9			314	405
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4799	7194			50057	66406
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	4	1		41	72
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	495	10		9512	10379
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		41	48
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		5498	5892
NORTHERN	FIRES	18	7	81		44	301	451
NORTHERN	ACRES	1723	5840	10268		4309	29881	52021
GB-EAST	FIRES		7	4	3	9	40	63
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8874	13248
GB-WEST	FIRES		5		1		2	8
GB-WEST	ACRES		724		0		182	906

SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	25	11		2	180	231
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21172	35634		500	52771	112279
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	91	3	2	49	166
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	13582	303	762	26744	48283
EASTERN	FIRES	10		67	10	320	126	533
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17828	1355	43868	16085	87777
SOUTHERN	FIRES	12		175	13	145	877	1222
SOUTHERN	ACRES	1408		51498	30099	87919	701982	872906
TOTAL	FIRES	92	137	446	33	525	1972	3205
TOTAL	ACRES	21092	37861	139342	32118	139297	902667	1272377

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				2		1	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				26		7	33
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				16		0	16
NORTHERN	FIRES				7		10	17
NORTHERN	ACRES				0		17	17
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES		14					14
GB-WEST	ACRES		854					854
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		19	21
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				448		7185	7633
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		4	1	2		8	15
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2803	48	934		152	3937
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	18	1	39	0	45	103
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	3657	48	1399	0	7355	12459

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	810	2712
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	59	16161
ALBERTA	2	3	740	151504
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	11	1511	111	87951

SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	594	166234
MANITOBA	0	0	400	69707
ONTARIO	21	58	727	9971
QUEBEC	13	20	596	12867
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	105	347
NEW BRUNSWICK	4	0	277	364
NOVA SCOTIA	3	9	263	225
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	11	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	55	7650
TOTALS	54	1601	4748	525715

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews		Engs		Heli		Airt		Ovrhd	
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	8	6	32	6	10	6	2		73	5
CA-NORTH	24	13	38	6	13	2	4		122	49
CA-SOUTH	25	22	23	10	9	2			91	109
NORTHERN	5		3		1					
GB-EAST	62	6	43	36	14	14	10		260	46
GB-WEST	7	5	6	7	6				46	39
SOUTHWEST	6		5		2	1			22	1
ROCKY MTN	10		7		3	2			28	5
EASTERN									42	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	147	52	157	65	58	27	16	0	684	254

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